

Public File Statement Concerning Children's Television Programming Reports

Licensee contends that for the renewal period of August 2012 – August 2020, WHNS materially complied with all Core Programming criteria and Core Programming Processing Guidelines as required by the Commission's rules in effect at the time the Core Programming aired. However, in an abundance of caution, licensee comments specifically on Children's Television Program Reports (FCC 398) from 2nd Quarter 2015 and 2nd Quarter 2018.

In 2nd Quarter 2015, WHNS neglected to list one half-hour program on its DT3 (ESCAPE) stream. Licensee believes that the program did air as regularly scheduled and the missing program is simply an administrative oversight. WHNS contends that its report of 6.00 hours per week on its secondary streams is accurate.

In 2nd Quarter 2018, a technical issue blocking access to a small number of preempted original episodes on DT1 (FOX) caused these episodes to be made good in July 2018 (3rd Quarter 2018). Out of an abundance of caution, WHNS reported the average number of hours on its main program stream to be 2.85 for 2nd Quarter 2018. However, the episodes were made good in 3rd Quarter, and Station still averaged 3 hours per week over the six-month period taken as a whole. Licensee contends that WHNS materially complied with the make good requirement despite an extended period between preemption and make good due to extenuating circumstances.